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SUBJECT AMERICAN PRISONERS OBSERVED IN LONG KHANH AND BINH DUONG
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(SUMMARY. IN LATE OCTOBER 1966 50 PRISONERS OF WAR, INCLUDING
TWO AMERICANS, WERE BEING HELD AT A VIET CONG (VC) CAMP IN VC SEC 1 ZONE
D AT BA NAO SPRING HAMLET (YT 170.370), CHANH HUNG VILLAGE, DINH QUAN DISTRICT,
4 LONG KHANH PROVINCE, GUARDED BY 100 ARMED VC. MOST OF THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN
3 CAPTURED IN BINH DUONG AND HAU NGHIA PROVINCES. ON 1 NOVEMBER AN ARMED
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COMPANY-SIZE VC UNIT WAS OBSERVED GUARDING THREE VIETNAMESE AND FIVE AMERICAN CAPTIVES, ONE A NEGRO, IN THE AREA OF BA CHAN (XT 876508), BINH DUONG PROVINCE.)

2. AS OF 24 OCTOBER 1966 THE VC WERE HOLDING ABOUT 50 PRISONERS OF WAR, INCLUDING TWO AMERICANS, IN A RECENTLY BUILT PRISONER OF WAR CAMP IN THE VC SECRET ZONE D AT BA HAO SPRING HAMLET (YT 170.370), CHANH HUNG VILLAGE, DINH QUAN DISTRICT, LONG KHANH PROVINCE. MOST OF THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN BINH DUONG AND HAU NGHIA PROVINCES. THE PRISONERS WERE REQUIRED TO WORK EVERY DAY IN NEARBY SWEET POTATO FIELDS.

3. THE CAMP IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE WAS GUARDED BY ABOUT 100 VC WHOSE EQUIPMENT INCLUDED ONE ANTIAIRCRAFT CANNON, ONE 30 MM MACHINE GUN, AND SEVEN AUTOMATIC RIFLES. FORTIFICATIONS AROUND THE CAMP CONSISTED OF WOOD AND BLIND-DITCH TRAPS, ANTIAIRCRAFT PROTECTIVE DUGOUTS. FOOD FOR THE CAMP WAS BROUGHT IN BY OX-CARTS FROM BINH MY VILLAGE, BINH DUONG PROVINCE, AND PASSED THROUGH CAY CHANH (YT 100.370), CHANH HUNG VILLAGE, DINH QUAN DISTRICT, LONG KHANH PROVINCE.

4. DURING THE EVENING OF 1 NOVEMBER A WELL ARMED COMPANY-SIZE VC UNIT FROM R/900 (SIC) WAS OBSERVED GUARDING FIVE AMERICAN AND THREE VIETNAMESE CAPTIVES IN THE AREA OF BA CHAN (XT 876508), BINH DUONG PROVINCE. ONE AMERICAN NEGRO WAS OBSERVED AMONG THE CAPTIVES.

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[REDACTED] COMMENT. THE INFORMANT SAID THAT THE VC CADRE WHO OBSERVED THE MOVEMENT SAID HE BELIEVED THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN BROUGHT FROM THANH AN VILLAGE, TRI TAM DISTRICT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE, AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE PRISONERS WOULD BE DETAINED AT BA CHAN OR TAKEN TO ANOTHER PROVINCE.) [REDACTED] COMMENT. A MEMBER OF [REDACTED] STATED ON 31 AUGUST 1966 THAT A CAPTURED NEGRO SOLDIER, GUARDED BY SEVEN ARMED VC, WAS OBSERVED AT HOA LOI (XT 816266), MOVING TOWARD CHANH LUU, BEN CAT DISTRICT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE.)

5. REFERENCE: REQUIREMENT D-1E6-14883.

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